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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: **People Interested in the Raymond-Cosmopolis 115-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing the Raymond-Cosmopolis Transmission Line Rebuild Project. This line is between the Raymond and Cosmopolis substations in Pacific and Grays Harbor counties, in Washington State.

The project involves removing the existing lattice steel box structures and conductors, and replacing them with single-pole tubular steel structures and conductors able to carry more current. Most of the transmission line would be rebuilt in the existing corridor, but the line would be moved in a few locations to avoid sensitive resources. Fiber optic cable would be installed on the transmission line during construction. Some road construction and improvements would be done as part of the rebuild project.

This letter announces the upcoming availability of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review, invites you to open house meetings, outlines the project schedule and explains how you can provide input on the project. Enclosed is a postcard for you to request a copy of the Preliminary EA. If you already requested a copy, you do not need to return the postcard. The Preliminary EA will be sent to you separately as early as the first week of February.

The Preliminary EA describes the proposed project, explains the need for the proposal, describes existing environmental and social conditions, and provides analysis of the environmental impacts if the project were implemented. It also lists proposed mitigation measures that would lessen or eliminate those impacts. Your comments on the Preliminary EA will enable BPA to determine if we sufficiently analyzed the resources that are important to you.

We have scheduled two meetings to answer questions about the project and to receive your input on the Preliminary EA. We do not plan to give a formal presentation at the meetings, so please stop by at your convenience between the scheduled times. Project team members will be available to answer your questions and take your comments on the Preliminary EA. The meeting time and locations are:

**Tuesday, February 11, 2003**  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Lions Club  
601 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Cosmopolis, Washington

**Wednesday, February 12, 2003**  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Pacific County Public Utility Department  
405 Duryea Street  
Raymond, Washington

**How to Comment**

The deadline to submit your comments is **February 19, 2003**. There are a number of ways to comment. You can submit comments at one of the public meetings listed on the previous page, mail them to BPA, Communications – KC-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212, or fax them to 503-230-3285. In addition, you may also contact BPA's toll-free comment line at 1-888-276-7790 or email us at [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov). Please include the name of this project with your comments.

All comments received, including letters, e-mails and verbal comments recorded at the open house meetings or over the phone, will be read and considered by the project team. Each comment and response will be published in the Final EA. As appropriate, the proposal could be modified and the Final EA will be updated with any changes to the analysis and comments that were received.

**Schedule**

A Final EA and decision regarding whether BPA will proceed with the proposal will be available in March 2003. If you received the Preliminary EA, you will receive the Final EA. If a decision is made to proceed with the proposal, construction could start as early as June 2003.

**For More Information**

If you need more information about the project, please call toll-free at 1-888-276-7790. You can access previous project documents on the Transmission Business Line Web site at [www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects). Thank you for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Gary Beck  
Project Manager

Enclosure:

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